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In re Application of  
Wallace, et al.  
Application No. 10/802,655  
Filed: March 16, 2004  
Attorney Docket No. L3-032-2004-01

DECISION GRANTING PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed May 10, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.10(d) requesting that the above-cited application be accorded a filing date of March 16, 2004.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited with the United States Postal Service, Express Mail Service on March 16, 2004, but that the United Postal Service failed to properly process the application contained in Express Mail Package ET116732213US until March 18, 2004. The evidence is convincing that the application papers were deposited with the United States Postal Service Express Mail Service on March 16, 2004.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. The new filing date for the above-cited application is March 16, 2004.

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of March 16, 2004, and for issuance of a corrected filing receipt.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703)305-0010

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